

# COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

LOCATION:

MetroPlan Orlando

250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200

Orlando, Florida 32801

TIME:

9:30 a.m.

# Chairman Atlee Mercer presided

#### Members in attendance were:

Mr. Douglas Henley for Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee

Ms. Karolyn Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Edmund Cid, City of Kissimmee

Ms. Nilisa Council MetroPlan Appointee

Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando

Mr. Russ Hauck, City of Altamonte Springs

Mr. Henri Hodge, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Atlee Mercer, Osceola County

Ms. Kayla Mitchell, MetroPlan Appointee

Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka

Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County

Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County

Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County

Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Tony Tizzio, Seminole County

Mr. Jeff Piggrem for Mr. Adam Valencic,

MetroPlan Appointee

Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee

# Members not in attendance were:

Ms. Asima Azam, Orange County

Mr. Bill Dehlinger, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Gregory Eisenberg, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Tyghe (T.J.) Legacy-Cole,

MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford

Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County

Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Scott Zubarik, MetroPlan Appointee

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Vacant, City of St. Cloud

#### Others in attendance were:

Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT

Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX

Ms. Mary Brooks, Wekiva Parkway

**Public Information Officer** 

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando

Mr. Gary Huttmann, MetroPlan Orlando

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Elizabeth Whitton, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando

Mr. Jason Loschiavo, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

A complete listing of other attendees may be obtained upon request.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Atlee Mercer called the Community Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Mercer welcomed everyone and spoke about the Osceola tax referendum that was defeated. Discussion ensued regarding funding for transportation. Mr. Tom O'Hanlon spoke briefly about his recent experience on a cross country trip in his Tesla.

### IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Cynthia Lambert introduced the four new CAC members: Mr. Henri Hodge, Mr. Douglas Henley, Ms. Nilisa Council and Ms. Theo Webster. Each new member spoke briefly about their background and why they wanted to participate on CAC. CAC members were then asked to introduce themselves. Ms. Lambert noted that the correct date for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan was May 24th. She reported that the TIP Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, June 17th at the downtown Orlando public library.

#### V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb confirmed that a quorum was present.

# VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

#### VII. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Approval of April 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Approval was requested of the April 24, 2019 meeting minutes, which were provided.

MOTION: Dr. Dan Stephens moved for approval of the April 24, 2019 meeting minutes.

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

# A. Preview of FY 2019/20 - 2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a preview of the new FY 2019/20 – 2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Copies of the FDOT highway, TSMO, bicycle and pedestrian, transit and commuter rail sections of the TIP are provided online and in supplementals. The FY 2023/24–2039/40 Prioritized Project List that was adopted last year and has been updated to highlight the latest project phases that have been funded based on the new TIP was also provided. The new TIP will be presented for approval at the June 26th CAC meeting. Mr. Caskey reviewed project changes. He reported that the TIP public hearing was scheduled for June 17th. Discussion ensued regarding truck parking issues, population's mistrust of elected officials, sprawl, and the need for coordination between developers and transportation. Mr. Jeff Piggrem asked about a rail corridor that had been included in the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project and he was under the impression that it had been eliminated. Mr. Caskey responded that he will look into Mr. Piggrem's question and respond back to CAC.

#### B. Preview of 2024/25 - 2039/40 Prioritized Project List

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, will present a preview of the new FY 2024/25 – 2039/40 Prioritized Project List (PPL). This year, the PPL must be submitted to FDOT in July and will be presented to the committees and Board for approval in the June/July committee and Board meetings. The following PPL documents were provided online and in supplementals:

- Last year's FY 2023/24 2039/40 PPL with strikethrough and underline for changes with all the rankings from last year.
- The new draft FY 2024/25 2039/40 PPL showing the new rankings based on the Performance Based Planning Prioritization process and criteria. This version also includes all the strikethrough and underlines from the previous PPL.
- The new draft FY 2024/25 2039/40 PPL with new rankings with all edits complete. https://metroplanorlando.org/meetings/community-advisory-committee-05-22-19/

Mr. Lepp reviewed the Prioritized Project List purpose, SU funding policy, performance measures and process and proposed changes. Discussion ensued regarding the crash database and expedited funding for the South Apopka project.

#### C. Presentation on Corrine Drive Complete Streets Study

Ms. Elizabeth Whitton, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on the Corrine Drive Complete Streets Study. The final report can be accessed here:

https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/Corrine-Drive-Study-Final-Report-with-Appendix-April-2019.pdf. Ms. Whitton provided some background information on the study and the project team. She reviewed the three phases of the study and played a short video which detailed the proposed redesign. In addition, she reviewed the three options available for implementing the project. Ms. Whitton told CAC members that an online survey was available for public input on the proposed redesign until May 31st. Discussion ensued in regards to accommodations for bus riders, pedestrians and children in the proposed redesign, bike path issues with raised intersections, and use of pedestrian hybrid beacons.

#### D. Legislative Session Wrap-Up

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a report on the recent session of the Florida Legislature, focusing on transportation issues. Ms. Whittington reported that the 2019 legislative session had wrapped up. She provided an update on legislation related to MetroPlan Orlando's legislative priorities, which included bicycle and pedestrian safety, texting while driving, funding for Phase II South quiet zones and local option surtax flexibility. She told CAC members that there was no action on bicycle/pedestrian safety legislation, the texting while driving bill passed and included requiring hands-free use in school and work zones, and no funding for Phase II quiet zones was included in the budget. House Bill 5 dealing with local option surtax, she added, will implement new guidelines for referendums requiring them to be held during a general election, notification requirements of 180 days, and a resolution submission to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA), all of which are slated to begin in 2020. Ms. Whittington noted that in terms of items that were being monitored, House Bill 311 authorizes operation of autonomous vehicles without an operator and House Bill 385 abolished the Miami Dade Expressway Authority and the Osceola Expressway Authority. She called attention to a multiuse corridor bill which passed and would establish three new expressways and included \$10 million for a competitive TD grant program. Ms. Whittington told committee members that the legislative session is scheduled to begin early next year.

#### E. Update on Wekiva Parkway

Ms. Mary Brooks, Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) Public Information Officer, provided an update on both the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Central Florida Expressway (CFX) sections of the Wekiva Parkway construction project. Ms. Brooks reviewed background information on the project, project description and environmental and trail accommodations. She provided a status report on the FDOT and CFX sections of the project and detailed what a typical section looked like. Ms. Brooks noted that additional detailed information could be found on the project website <a href="https://www.wekivaparkway.com">www.wekivaparkway.com</a> and she also provided her contact information. Discussion ensued regarding wildlife concerns and communication efforts for new residents. Ms. Brooks told committee members that outreach was conducted to a large number of stakeholders who were engaged throughout the process.

# IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

# A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

The latest FDOT monthly construction status report for the Orlando area was provided.

#### B. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

Highlights from the May 2019 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

#### C. LYNX Press Releases

The latest press releases from LYNX were provided.

# D. Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities Update

The latest update on bicycle and pedestrian activities in the Central Florida region was provided.

#### X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

# A. Next Community Advisory Committee meeting

The next CAC meeting will be on June 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. As a reminder, the dates of the remaining CAC meetings for 2019 were: 8/28/19, 10/23/19, 12/4/19. (There are no meetings scheduled in July, September or November.)

# B. Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Action Plan Working Group

The Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Action Plan Working Group met on May 24, 2019 immediately following the TAC meeting in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room.

#### C. Public Hearing for FY 2019/20-2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program

A public hearing to review the FY 2019/20–2023/24 TIP was held on Monday, June 17, 2019. Maps were available for review at 5:30 p.m. and the public hearing began at 6:00 p.m.

#### X. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon requested an I-4 Ultimate update at a future meeting.

Mr. Jeff Piggrem inquired about information on SunRail funding.

#### XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

#### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando.

Approved this 26th day of June 2019.

Mr. Atlee Mercer, Chairman

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,

Senior Board Services Coordinator

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